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HAYES is rapidly playing out politically.

FINANCIAL failures are still the order of the day.

THANKS to Hon. G. Schleicher for favors.

THE Rothschild case has again been continued, without reason, except to save the murderer from just punishment.

FROM LULING .- Dr. Day, well known in this vicinity, died suddenly on Wednesday morning.

A son of Rev. Mr. Greenwood was drowned in the San Marcos on Friday of last week.

THE United States Troops have assisted in the capture of the leaders of the San Elizario mob. Two were killed while resisting arrest, and two more lynched after being turned over to the State authorities.

H. O. FLIPPER, the colored West Point cadet, passed through Houston this week on his way to join the army at Fort Concho, holding the position of Second Lieutenant in the tenth cavalry regiment.

BOB INGERSOLL, the infidel statesman of Illinois, having been tendered the Berlin mission by President Hayes, declines to serve. Bob's labors in the last canvass were worth to Mr. Hayes at least a cabinet appointment.

CONGRESSMAN SCHLEICHER thinks the church party in Mexico would be glad of a war with the United States. for, in the almost certain acquisition of Mexican territory by the Americans, the Mexican Catholies would be protected in the possession of their church property, and also enabled to co operate with American Catholies in the general building up and strengthening of the Roman cause in North Ameri-

THE Brenham Banner and Lagrange Record favor the whipping post for petty crimes. On principle we are opposed to anything of the kind on account of its debasing and brutalizing tendency, but if whipping posts were again to become a necessity, we would be in favor of that mode of punishment being applied to the greater criminals who steal their thousands and millions. Such a dispensation of justice would be more in accordance with our idea of the eternal fitness of things .- [Austin Capital.

Arrival of Freeps at Browns-

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. of United State troops from New Orleans, which disembarked and reached this city by railroad last evening. They are the first of an additional force recently ordered to the Rio Grande, and are regarded as an evidence that the power of the covernment is to be in the future as re effectively enforced on this frontier. The lower Rio Grande has been remarkably quiet for several months past-in fact since the raid on Rio Grande City jail, four months ago, there has been no depredation of any kind worthy of mention.

Late from Liano.

Capt. Davis, just from Lluno, gives us the following information :

New excitement upon the mining interest in that county has sprung up. Capt. Stephens, of Dallas, was in town when he left, who had already bought out what is known as the Owens Mine, belonging to Laurence Muller. The trade was for 640 acres of land, including the mine, for which Stephens is to pay \$60,000 cash. The Hubbard Mine is again in operation, with fair prospects of success. Dr. C. S. Smith is opening a mine near the town of Llano, and is getting out some excellent silver ore, only about 50 feet deep; he has refused \$25,000 for his mine including only about 10 acres. The crisis has arrived in Llano; large immigration into the county; the mines are a fixed fact; lands are selling briskly at an advanced price, and there is a great deal more attention given to agri culture, and the stock business is increasing rapidly, especially the sheep business. A number of large herds have been brought into the county recently. Llano, Capt. Davis thinks, bids fair to be one of the best counties in the State for all purposes, mining, stock raising and other occupations.

THE GALAXY for January is a number of unusual brilliancy. It has articles by Henry James, Jr., Lawreace Barrett, Junius Heuri Browne, Theodore Bacon, J. H. Siddons, Walter Carey, Richard Grant White, and others. The most noticeable article is perhaps by Lawrence Barrett, on Charlotte Cushman. Hook, Thackeray. and Dickens are compared by Walter Carey. Paris is revisited by Henry James, Jr. "The Defeat of Justice' is described by Theodore Bacon. 'The French Enchantress," being Julie Recamier, is sketched by Junius Henri Browne. 'Americanisms' are brought out by Richard Grant White. Several stories are furnished, and the Departments, Drift-Wood, Current Literature, Nebulæ, and Scientific Miscellany, are brighter and fresher than usual. On the whole, it is a good beginn ing for the new year.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for January is the most superb number ever issued of that popular lady's book. There are two steel engravings, a double size Paris fashion plate, elegantly colored-about 50 engravings in all, besides a pattern supplement. The literary contents are by the best writers. We order Peterson.

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Respectfully, S. H. DARDEN. Comptroller.

As for this man Hayes himself, he has no idea of the significance or importance of events. He is a mere chip floating on the water .- Wendell Phil-

A female justice-of-peace in Wyoming recently fixed her husband heavily for flirting.

The United States in Paris.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26.—Mr. Rufus M. Smith has been appointed by ex Governor McCormick as chief of the New York office to superintend the allotment of the space in the American section of the Paris exhibition. A private firm of this city is engaged to take charge of the American exhibits at the exposition. They say they have already secured representation of over fitty of the largest manufactories in the United States.

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The January Scheme begins and ends with a Christmas poem. Rr. Boyesen's opening ballad. Jarl Sigurd's Christmas Eve.' Is the means of reintroducing to the magazine the peutil of Mrs. Mary Hailock Foote, who has made a large illustration for this poem and is hereafter to contribute frequently. Another phase of the holiday teeling is given in Irwin Russell's 'Christmas Night in the Quarters,' which reproduces an old-time scene in the South, and contains three separate dialect poems, with illustrations by Hopkins. 'Fox-hunting is New England' may fairly be called a Christmas topic, and Mr. Rowlaud R. Robinson discusses it with enthusiasm in an illustrated paper of fourteen pages. An anonymous paper on 'Dr. Schliemann at Mycenae,' reviews in a judicial vein the famous discoveries of that explorer, many of the objects, including some of the linest, being shown in the engravincs. John Burroughs returns to his favorite topic in 'Bird and Birjs,' for which Miss Bridges, who is so well known by her tird-pictures, has made several drawings. Dr. Hollaud contributes a short poem entitled 'A Glimpse of Youth,' and Stodman another on 'The Last Token.' suggested by Mex's picture of the same name, which is here eugraved. There are also poems by H. H., Sidney Lauler, Paul H. Hayne, Mary E. Hradley, and others. The story of the number, by the clusive 'Saxe Holm,' relates to the Civil War and is called 'Joe Hale's Red Stockings.' Many reasiers will turn at once to a paper of new anecdotes of 'Pidgin English,' by A. A. Hayes, Jr., and to 'H. H.'s' sketch of the marvelous enterprise of American frontier life, entitled 'A New Anvil Chorus' What the Presidents have thought in regard to appointments is summarized in L. M. Dorman's 'Cestury of Civil Service.' The Growth for Chrises in 'Real and the Educational Charliers,' Rooks and Reading,' 'Fitting for College,' and 'Work for the Machine.' The Old Cabinet' has something about 'Gossip and the U. S. Census, 'Law Points in Novels, 'Reasons for not Voling for a Ref

St. Nicholas for January.

Russell's poem mentioned above.

St. Nicholan for Jumpary.

Like the issue for December,—of wich 100,000 copies were printed,—shows at the first glance that it is in a special sense a "Christmas Holiday Number:" in fact it is neither more nor less than "condensed essence of holiday,"—cheery, and full of interesting stories and bright pictures. The frontispiece alone, "Two Ways of Carrying the Mail," at once suggests sleds, toboggans, moonlight sleigh-tides, and all manner of wintner frolice.

The number begins with the first half of a lovely illustrated story of the Mi'dle Ages, "the Ravous and the Augels," by the suthor of "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Pamily.

Farther on is George MacDonald's promised Letter to Young Americans," in 1-charged with the charms of his winning slyle and practical mysticism; and near the end is a fresh and breety little song, "Skating," by the late Theodore Winthrop, never before printed.

St. Nicholas," himself, on paying his first visit in the opening year, presents with a cordial greeting a preity New Year card drawn by Miss L. Greenway of Lendon.

Full of novelty and vivacity are the ample instablicates of the s rials, "Under the Lilacs," by Miss Alcott, and "Tower-Mountain," by Gulazous Frankenstein, vith capital pictures by Marf Hallock Foote and J. E. Krilt,

"there is a quantitale of tales, "The King and the Three Travelers," by Arlo Bates, with a striking picture by Juhn La'arge, the other complete short stories, humorous, fanciful, pathetic, saciting, and all illustrated, are entitled, "The Coolest Man in Knesls," "Debby's Christmas," "How the Pony was Taken," "Annie and the Balls," and "How Kitty got her New Hat."

Then there is a rhymed funny account of the mishaps of "Merry Mike," on a windy day, with egut telling pictures, "Tomny's Bream, or, The Geography Demon," by Laura E. Richards, some verses descriptive of "Music on all Fours," by Josephine Pollard, with a comical illustration by Sol Evitage, and a poem on "Winter Fire Files."

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